IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

Serial No.: 10/540,495 § Group Art Unit No.: 1794

For: Elastic Articles and Processes & Confirmation No.: 4240

for their Manufacture

Customer No.: 23455 § Date: December 17, 2009

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Examiner:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2009.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which

begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.